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and when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE DIVINE INDWELLING---

THE REALITY OF THE INVISIBLE

And let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." Ex. 25:8.

"Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, and the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid around about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat." Heb. 9:1-5.

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

The sanctuary which Paul here refers to was the tabernacle built by Moses at the command of God for the earthly dwelling place of the Most High. The importance of this subject is to be clearly seen in the remarkable demonstration of God's glory and power, like devouring fire covering the top of the mountain into which Moses had been called, in order that God might get him away from the busy rush and clamor of the world and get alone with Him that He might deliver to him one of the greatest messages ever delivered to humanity.

Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them was the message He gave to Moses, while in the holy mount. It has always been God's plan and desire to dwell among His people, but sin has wrecked this world and brought heartaches and misery and driven humanity far from God.

In this subject we see the divine plan of God in bringing humanity to the place where He could manifest His glorious presence among them.

The sanctuary is a great central object in the plan of salvation. Next to our Lord Himself and His work in bringing about the great plan of redemption is the place where the great work of the world's redemption is carried forward. This unites the great plan of salvation or Christian experience and God's revealed plan concerning humanity.

The sanctuary occupies a great central position around which many of the most important subjects of the Bible cluster. In this, many great truths find their focal point. In every direction they radiate. It unites the two great dispensations, the Mosaic and the Christian, and shows their relation to each other.

It divides with no other subject the high honor of explaining the position and work of our Lord Jesus Christ in the great plan of redemption. Like a brilliant lamp introduced into a dark room it illuminates the whole Mosaic economy.

In the light of this subject the books of Moses with their details of offerings and sacrifices, rites and ceremonies, usually considered as void of interest or use, become animated with light and radiant with consistency and beauty.

Many Bible readers show a lack of interest in this portion of the sacred Book. Their Bibles sometimes become worn and dirty but in this part we find the pages unworn, clean and white, which shows a lack of interest in this part or portion of the Word of God. It is a key to the interpretation of some of the most important subjects in the sacred Book.

We, therefore, call your attention especially to the subject of the sanctuary as one of great importance, interest and profit. It gives to us the beautiful types of the Christian experience and of the Church of God and opens up to our vision the glorious possibility of unlimited development in the divine life.

Tabernacle means a tent or temporary dwelling place. In order for us to get a clearer view of this subject it will be necessary for us to take into consideration this wonderful structure that was to be erected according to God's own plan. It was planned and arranged for a progressive journey.

We have lots of progressive boosters in the world for almost every interest with the exception of this holy religion. When it comes to considering this, one of the most progressive movements ever instituted in this world, they do not seem to be very much concerned.

This tabernacle was planned and arranged so that when divine orders were given, by the moving of the cloudy pillar by day or the pillar of fire by night, they could take up their stakes and pitch their tents toward a better land.

When we first started out into the divine life, little did we think of the glorious possibilities of our noble privileges in God. Finally He began to open to us the vast territory hitherto unexplored in His sacred Book and gave us divine directions how we might obtain the wonderful experiences provided for His children that we might reach the place where we could have the conscious indwelling of the mighty triune God and have our entire being flooded with His glory and power, and have Him reveal to us His glorious Church and her final triumph and

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Psalms 100:4

the awful tribulations that are coming on this world, and the reign of our Lord on the earth and His final victory over the arch fiend of hell, and the entering in of the golden age where we will forever enjoy the unchanging happiness and bliss forever and ever. A glorious future awaits those that will be faithful and true to our God and go in for all that He has so abundantly provided that they might so richly enjoy.

After God had so miraculously delivered His chosen people out of the land of Egypt, led them through the Red Sea with a high hand, brought them out victorious, and permitted them to see the destruction of their enemies that had so persistently pursued them He gave them the pattern and direction for the erection of a place where He might dwell among them while they were journeying through the wilderness to the land that flowed with milk and honey.

This tabernacle was so constructed that it could be moved from place to place. Yet it was a structure of great magnificence. Its walls were of upright boards overlaid with gold and set in sockets of silver. The roof was formed with a series of coverings, the outer of skin, the inner with fine linen, beautifully decorated with figures of cherubims.

The outer court contained the altar of burnt offerings. The tabernacle was constructed with two apartments, called the holy place and the most holy place, or the holiest. These two places were separated by a veil or curtain of rich and beautiful colors. A veil also closed the entrance to the first apartment.

In the holy place on the south was the CANDLESTICK with its seven lamps giving light in the sanctuary both by day and by night.

On the north was the table of shewbread and near the beautiful veil which separated the holy from the most holy place was the golden altar of incense from which the smoke and the prayers of Israel were daily ascending before God. In the most holy place was the ark of the covenant, made of precious wood overlaid with gold, within and without, with four rings of gold, one for each corner. This was the depository of the two tables of stone on which the Lord had inscribed the law of ten commandments, the golden pot which had manna in it, and Aaron's rod that budded. The second magnificent piece of furniture was the mercy seat, which was also overlaid with gold. The most glorious of all was the two cherubims of beaten gold with their wings spread on high, overshadowing the mercy seat looking toward each other. The cherubims were on each end of the mercy seat which was on top of the ark of the covenant. The Lord said that from between the cherubims of glory He would come down and commune with them. In this apartment was His divine presence to be manifested and there He was to abide and lead and guide and give orders and directions in the course that they should pursue.

Our attention is called to the outer court, the sacred inclosure around the tabernacle where the children of Israel were to encamp or dwell. The holy place is generally supposed to take up two-thirds of the length of the tabernacle, the other third was taken up with the most holy place. The former is twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide and ten cubits high and the latter ten cubits every way, making it four square, up and down and all around.

The three places above mentioned are a very beautiful type of three experiences provided for the children of God, which will be further considered as we go into the subject.

Another very noticeable feature about the holy place and the most holy place is that neither of them had any windows, hence, the need of the CANDLESTICK, that was to give light both by day and by night for the service that was to be performed in the sanctuary.

Now that we have this subject more fully before us, we will further consider the sacred inclosure or outer court, also the magnificent structure, which was erected according to the plan and pattern revealed to Moses on the holy mount.

The outer court is a very beautiful type of regeneration in as much as it inclosed those within its walls and separated them from the outside world. So are those who are really born from above. They are separate from this world because it is written, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Jesus said while praying for His little company who had been so closely associated with Him that, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world."

Salvation means deliverance. They had already been delivered from Egyptian bondage and had their glorious privilege of living under the order and direction of the Lord. Therefore, they had a right within the walls of the sacred inclosure because they were chosen of Him and separated unto Himself.

To the true child of God there is a wall or boundary line which he cannot afford to pass over or ignore. There is a wall of separation between him and the world. He no longer engages in the things that he once participated in, his desires are changed. His affections are no longer on things of earth, but firmly fixed on things above. The things he once loved, he now hates and the things he once hated, he now loves. Thank God for change that is brought about when we are born of the Spirit or made over anew. Oh, glorious thought that now being born again, we belong to the royal family and become an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ, and an heir to all the future blessings that God has provided for His children and a mansion in glory with a river front to live in forever.

Man originally was created to give God glory and honor and praise but sin has done its deadly work and driven humanity far away from God, down in the wreckage and ruin of a fallen world. Oh, the awfulness of this

fall and its far reaching effect. The arch fiend of hell has thrown his black wing over this world and brought shadows, gloom, despair, heartaches and troubles on every side with aching hearts, blasted hopes and wrecked lives.

Our forefathers were driven from home and all its pleasant surroundings on account of sin. The jubilant angels folded their wings while the world was enveloped in darkness. The executive council of the skies assembled and discussed the great problem of the world's redemption. I fancy I can hear the Father say, I know that my power is unlimited, my creative power is not yet exhausted. I have power to sling worlds into existence from the tips of my fingers. We could create other creatures that would give glory and honor but oh, the LOVE, the LOVE that I have for those that have fallen and gone away into wreckage of yonders fallen world. Shall we consign them their just portion with the fallen angels in the regions of despair, and create new creatures that will give us honor and glory and praise? The Father's Son then presented Himself, and made the offer to go to yonders world and formulate and inaugurate a plan of redemption to redeem humanity back to God and instead of creating other creatures, He arranged to re-create and make anew the old creature and make him a child of God and restore him back to the place where he could give glory and honor to the triune God.

Oh, such love that prompted Him to offer life and light and salvation to this dark world. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. "And this life eternal, that have everlastingly known thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3.

The next place that should claim our attention is that apartment of the tabernacle called the holy place in which none but the priest was admitted. This implies that there was an extra experience or qualification required in order to live in this holy place. This is a very beautiful type of the experience of holiness or sanctification.

This is called the holy place. The experience of holiness or a clean heart is just as much a place in the divine life as your city is a place. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, or sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessings from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation." Psalms 24:3-5. We notice that this experience is called a holy place, and that it is a high and elevated plain to be ascended. We notice further that it implies cleanness and purity. Those who have ascended to the heights of this experience into this holy place have clean hands and a pure heart.

In the Christian dispensation it becomes the high privilege of every child of God to live in this holy place and have the experience of a pure heart. We are not forced to live in the lowlands, down in the swamps and be forever annoyed with the croakings of the frogs and the maneuverings of the wiggletails.

One party in giving his testimony said that some years ago when the Lord saved him he filled him half full and he had been half full ever since. Another party followed him and said he would go a half a dollar for a quarter that his experience was stagnated and had wiggletails in it. And you know that wiggletails turn to mosquitoes and they go out and bite their neighbors. So these half full and stagnated experiences are calculated to result in something that will be detrimental to the community, disturbing their neighbors and make unpleasant the whole surroundings.

Instead of such an experience it is our glorious privilege to be able to say as the Psalmist, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Psalms 23:5, 6.

There is a place that we can reach where we do not have to be slipping and sliding, backsliding and backbiting, and biting back and stewing and frying, and grumbling and growling, but, thank God, we can get to a place to where we can stand. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we STAND, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Rom. 5:1-5.

This is an experience to be sought and obtained by believers subsequent to regeneration and enjoyed in this life. And in obedience to the divine command, for it is written, Be ye holy for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"As He spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which had been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant; The oath which He swore to our Father Abraham, that He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our lives." Luke 1:70, 75.

From this lesson we learn that God's prophets are holy prophets. While there have been false prophets in almost every age of the world, it was clear to be seen that they were not identified with the holy prophets, which were the prophets of the Lord. In fact, the doctrine of Bible holiness or of a pure heart was contrary to their faith and practice. They preached that it was impossible to live in this world without committing sin, and practiced what they preached. They were afraid of all kinds of fire; heavenly fire, wild fire, and hell fire, and they did not believe in the eternal hell that awaits the final impenitent. One in trying to be a little moderate in His views seeking to avoid extreme either way, said except you repent to some extent you will go to hell to a certain degree.

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EDITORIAL

We have had lots of inquiries, more especially within the last month, about the Faithful Standard asking why they have failed to receive it. It has appeared in the columns of this paper three or four times already that this paper is no longer owned by the Church of God but is the individual property of Brother A. J. Tomlinson. The Standard with all of its belongings was moved to New York about December 1.

The intention of its Editor and those associated with him was to print and mail from that point to its subscribers. We are informed that the December, January and February numbers were not published for some cause. We are not yet able to advise just what the intention of the Publisher is for the future. Anyone wishing to write, may address The Faithful Standard, Queens, New York, N. Y.

THE NUMBER NOT YET COMPLETE

A call for one thousand men and women who are loyal, red blooded and noble hearted, that will volunteer their service and resources to the Church of God Publishing House that it may be freed from its financial encumbrance so that the columns of the Evangel may be filled with messages of full salvation.

The call is as follows:

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Many have already enlisted and have their names on the Honor Roll. We want to raise this number by Mar. 4. Every Church of God is a recruiting station. If you are not close to a church you may send your enlistment direct to Headquarters. Your name will then be placed on the Honor Roll. You can do this by filling out and mailing to Headquarters the following blank which is prepared for your convenience.

Much depends on quick action in this matter.

Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.

I notice your call for volunteers to help free the publishing house from its indebtedness.

I wish to enlist in the \$—— company. You may expect this by the —— of —— 1923.

With earnest prayers and best wishes for the success of the Church of God Evangel.

Signed——

The returns from the midwinter campaign is steadily coming in. The indications at this writing are that considerable interest and enthusiasm were demonstrated in some parts while not so much in others. Quite a number were greatly hindered, on the account of the extreme bad weather and have indicated their intention of carrying on the work until they obtain satisfactory results. The dear friends who have so cheerfully responded in this campaign may never fully realize what it has meant to the Church of God and its future success. We fully believe that we are on a safe basis and that the most severe crisis are past and that success and victory is in sight. I am sure that if the number of volunteers will enlist in this cause as indicated above, we are sure of success and final victory. A great number have already enlisted yet not a sufficient number to complete the list. We earnestly hope that all of our members and friends will respond to this call and make the number complete for the birthday celebration.

Rewards

J. B. Ellis

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labors are not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58.

Three features are made prominent in this text:

CHRISTIAN STABILITY

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable." Webster defines steadfast as, fast in place; firmly fixed, established; firm; not fickle or wavering; constant; resolute.

We see from the definition what Paul means by this expression. The greatest need of the Church to day is men and women who can measure up to the demand of this section of our text. We are in an age of fickleness. The time once was when people could trust each other at least they did so more than they do now. There is but little that is dependable now. We never know who nor what to trust. To find a trustworthy character is indeed a coveted achievement.

I heard a story once of a prominent minister who delivered a masterly discourse on being established. His wife had recently professed the blessing of holiness along with others of his church. This had created quite an agitation among the membership of his church as well as other bodies of religious people. Nowhere had the excitement been so disturbing as in the home of this zealous and pious old minister of forty years of active service. He became determined to put an end to the thing in his home and church so he planned his discourse to that end and it was an awful arraignment of those who had stepped out into the beautiful light of full salvation.

He pleaded for his pet theory of a sinning religion and once in grace always in grace. He declared with great emphasis that he was established and could not be moved and that these holiness preachers could not whip him into line, no matter how hard they tried. Oh, he was established!

The saints who had embraced sanctification wept of course, and no one seemed to take it to heart more than the minister's wife unless it was his little Mary, a sweet little girl of nine summers. She had been so wonderfully impressed with the great change that had come to her mother that her father's message had almost broken her heart. The next week her father harnessed up old Charley, his favorite horse, and went to the forest for a load of wood. He took his little Mary along with him. She noticed that her father frequently ejaculated, "I guess I fixed them! I'm established. Oh, I'm established! Bye and bye the wagon was loaded, and the little girl was seated in a secure place on the load of wood, and they started toward home. Everything seemed to be going good till they reached the foot of a steep hill when all of a sudden old Charley stopped and refused to go another step, a thing he had never done before.

The old minister lost his temper and began to practice his religion. He used his Sunday-school words in a very unbecoming way; he flailed his old horse in a very unmerciful manner, but all to no avail, old Charley seemed determined to go no farther. The old minister examined his gear, and it was all right. There was nothing wrong with the wagon and the load was not so large as on other occasions. "I don't know what is the trouble," said the preacher, "he just won't pull." With this he took another spell, and repeated his acts of cruelty to his horse. He fairly made the woods ring with his Sunday-school words. His little girl who had been quietly looking on in a meditation mood called to her father and said, "Mother, I know what is the matter with old Charley. He is like you said you were in your sermon yesterday; he is established." It was enough. His message had turned upon him and it is said that he became a holiness preacher. Too many are established after that order and not enough after the order laid down in God's Word.

I now invite your attention to a Scriptural interpretation of our subject. In Acts 2:42 we have these words, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayer."

Steadfastness in Doctrine

The preaching of doctrine has always brought offense. In Gal. 5:11 Paul speaks of a kind of preaching that caused the offense of the cross to cease and he would that they who preached after that order were cut off.

In 1 Cor. 1:17, 18, "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

In all ages the offense of the cross has been centered on some doctrine vital to Christianity. In the days of the apostles it was hinged on the doctrine of the resurrection. To acknowledge the resurrection of Jesus was to charge the Jewish church with the murder of the Messiah. This brought severe criticism. If Jesus rose from the dead as He claimed, it would have established the fact of His Messiahship and would bring His blood down upon the heads of the acknowledged expositors of prophetic truth concerning the claims of Christianity.

On one occasion Peter was preaching and said, "Ye denied the Holy One, and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the

Prince of life whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses." Acts 3:14, 15. "And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day." Acts 4:1-3.

Peter, had you not better tone down a bit and not be so radical! Had you not better preach on the practical side of the Christian life and leave off doctrinal preaching? You are stirring up a lot of strife and you may drive people away by always harping on those doctrinal points? And beside you could escape all this trouble. There is plenty of room for you to preach on themes that will not bring any persecution and then the populace will admire you and pour their gold and silver into the collection and you will have an easy time and many friends. Just in yonder the priest and officials are holding council against you. You might win those people if you were not so radical on certain lines of doctrine. They are calling you now! Be careful, Peter!

Listen at the council who has Peter and John in custody. "We have decided that your methods of preaching are not desirable and that you shall not preach or teach any more in the name of Jesus." Hear Peter's answer. "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19, 20.

And being let go they went to their own company and they prayed thus: "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy words, and with great power give the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Acts 4:29, 33.

There was no compromising with these men. They were steadfast in doctrine; there was no moving them; they were unmovable.

The great trouble with the ministry of this age is a disposition to please the populace. They like to have nice things said about them and they try to evade the offense of the cross.

Long since has the offense of the cross ceased on the resurrection, but in every age it has been attached to some part of the Gospel. In Luther's day it was on justification by faith. He was imprisoned for years. Did he compromise? No! After he had been excluded from society, friends, and loved ones until it was supposed that if he were offered his freedom he would cease to preach his doctrine, they proposed to him that if he leave off his doctrine he would be granted his liberty. What did Luther say? "If you should release me from this prison this morning in one hour I would be preaching on the streets of your city that men could repent and have faith for themselves and be justified before God without a priest to aid them." There was no compromise in him. He could but speak the things he knew.

Later on the offense of the cross shifted to the doctrines of sanctification. Wesley was refused the popular pulpits of his day but he mounted his father's tombstone and preached it to the multitude. He preached it in the midst of howling people and under a shower of stones with the blood running down his face. No compromise in him. He was steadfast and unmovable.

The doctrine of sanctification is still an offense of the cross and many preachers are leaving it off to evade persecution. If it were popular they would preach it.

The doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Ghost brings offense to the cross where it is preached the Bible way. For the preaching of their doctrine many have gone to prison and have been mobbed and whipped and the popular ministry refuse to preach it as laid down in the Word because of the offense. Many other doctrines of Jesus Christ are set aside for no other reason than to evade persecution. These glorious truths such as speaking in tongues, the working of miracles, casting out devils, laying on of hands for the healing of the sick, the gift of prophecy, the interpretation of tongues and the doctrine of the Church of God brings offense to the preaching of the cross. Really, it is what makes the cross offensive.

Preacher, you can be popular if you will leave off these things, and preach on general principles upon which the whole religious world is agreed, but can you be true to your God and the people and do so? Could you do so and say with Paul, "I have not shunned to declare the whole council of God." What will be the fate of the preacher who dares to tamper with God's truth in any such way.

If you can't get to heaven without holiness of heart where will that preacher stand in the judgment who has never told his people how to get sanctified? If I should do such a thing with an open Bible before me would you consider me worthy of your confidence? I might be able to preach eloquently and produce marvelous discourses but I would be a moral coward and unworthy of the confidence of any one or the approval of God.

But the world likes to have it that way and are heaping to themselves teachers having itching ears saying, "Prophecy unto us smooth things, something that brings no friction." The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to

naught the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? But we preach Christ crucified unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not to bring to naught things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence." 1 Cor. 1:18-23.

Oh, that we had more preachers after the type of Paul and Peter, men who were not afraid to preach and speak the things they knew were true regardless of the cost. They felt the weight of their responsibility. They were sent out to teach the world to observe and do all things that were required to get to heaven. They never went to the popular ministry of their day to be instructed of them; but they obeyed the command of Jesus and tarried for the Holy Ghost and power and depended on Him to guide them into all truth and bring all things to their remembrance whatsoever Jesus had said unto them.

Paul never went back to his old instructors to learn anything of them but on the contrary, "at one time he went into the synagogue and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. But when divers were hardened and believed not, but spoke evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. And this continued by the space of two years." Acts 19:8-10. Paul and the apostles, never sat at the feet of any one who did not have the Holy Ghost to be instructed in righteousness. When they did go it was to seek an opportunity to tell them something about the salvation of Jesus Christ and Paul said for us to follow him as he followed Christ.

Brethren, we have become too easy. Our commission is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. If we were to change that commission to fit our modern practice it would read, Go ye into the churches and preach this gospel to the people who believe in it and be sure and not go into the synagogues where they do not believe in it and annoy them with your testimony and doctrine but show them courtesy and go to their meeting, yea, discontinue your efforts and close your doors and tell your disciples they can learn many things they have never learned from their great teacher and guide who has promised to guide them into all truth. Yea, when they give you opportunity open your pocket books and put large sums into their coffers, support their institutions of learning even if those who come to you for instruction have to leave your own schools and return home for want of means.

Brother, if we do not see after our own business and watch for the souls of our own people some wolf in sheep's clothing will catch them for Jesus says, Many false prophets will arise and deceive many. Jesus says for us to go not after them.

They take away the key of knowledge from the people and they do not tell them how to get sanctified or how to get the Holy Ghost and place a wrong interpretation on the Church of God, and are silent on many other doctrines vital to Christianity. Jesus, Paul and John says "Beware!"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

1923 CALENDARS

We have in stock the 1923 edition of the Christian Life Calendar. Every month shows a beautiful Bible colored picture, and it gives a Scripture verse for every day. They are much nicer to have hanging on the advertise medicine and other things inappropriate for a Christian home. Price 30¢ each.

Special Notice

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BATTLEFIELDS

I held a meeting at White Bend and there were twenty-one saved and eight sanctified.

We have no Church and I desire your prayers that some one will come over and help us.

J. A. C. Martin,
R. 3, Paula Valley, Okla.

We have just closed a ten days meeting at Swifton, Ark. The Lord wonderfully blessed in every service. Brother R. R. Martin and Sister Flora Gee were with us two nights. Sister Gee delivered a heart melting sermon. The "flu" was raging but God wonderfully saved one soul and others are seeing the light and wanting us to come back and hold another meeting reports Stella Watts, Lepanto, Ark.

A meeting began here Jan. 20 and closed Jan. 30 conducted by Brother John Burk, our state overseer and others.

The Lord wonderfully used Brother Burk in giving out the Word. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues and the sick were healed. Three were saved and sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost and seven were added to the Church of God. We administered the Lord's supper and feet washing.

Your sister in the Church.
Mary Pierce,
Ravila, Okla.

We organized a Church of God Sunday school the first Sunday in January. The enemy sure has been working but God has given us the victory. We have forty-eight at present.

Sister Sarah Hasmer came here and held a meeting and the Lord wonderfully blessed us. The meeting was a success. One received the Holy Ghost and eleven came into the Church.

On Jan. 27 Brother and Sister Watson came and held another weeks meeting and we had a feast with the Lord. Four received the Holy Ghost and two more were added to the Church.

Brother Dunn, our state overseer, came in February and set the church in order with Brother Irie Tubbs as deacon and Vernon Hysaw as church clerk and treasurer.

Among the number that joined was a pentecostal preacher. We have two already in our little band that God has called to preach His Word.

At the close of the meeting we observed the Lord's supper and feet washing. We all shouted, danced, talked in tongues and handled hot lamp chimneys and red hot coals of fire.

I praise God for the way He blessed us and we ask you to pray for the Church that has just started here at Green Pond, Ala., and for the success of the Sunday school. Pray for me. Your sister under the blood,

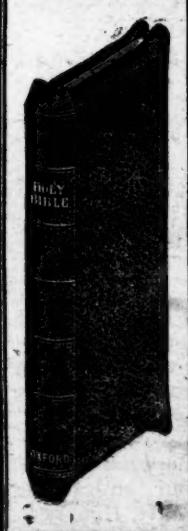
Mrs. W. S. Hysaw,
R. 1, McCalla, Ala.

SPANISH TRACTS

A word to our Spanish members and friends, we are printing some new tracts in Spanish and have some others on hand. A list of which we will give below:

- 1 EL HA DERRAMADO ESTO—QUE AHORA VEIS Y OIS
He has shed forth this.
- 2 TOM GILSON, Y SU NIÑA
Tom Gilson and His Little Girl
- 3 LA DOCTRINA QUE SOSTIENE
The Signs That Follow
- 4 CARLOS CULSON
Charley Coulson
- 5 ENSEÑANZAS DE LA IGLESIA DE DIOS
Teaching of the Church of God
- 6 NO PODRIMOS SABER
We Would Not Know
- 7 EL HIJO ATREVIDA
The Infidel Son
- 8 LAS SEÑALES QUE SIGUEN
The Doctrine that Holds
- 9 EL TULLIDO TOMAS
Cripple Tom
- 10 BUENAS NUEVAS PARA LOS ENFERMOS
Good News for the Sick
- 11 ¿CUANTAS IGLESIAS RECONOCE LA BIBLIA Y CUALES SON SUS NOMBRES?
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- 12 EL PROQUE YO SOY UN MIEMBRO
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

I would like to have some more light on Charity.

Please explain the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. T. M. Sensing.

1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

"Tongues of men," means the languages of the nations.

Tongues of angels would mean a heavenly language, or language by a supernatural power, yet if we should speak with tongues by a supernatural power and we are not prompted by love, and the love of God is not permeating our lives or speaking with tongues will sound to those who hear us, like a clanging cymbal just clang, clang, like an old tin pan. It is important that we have the love of God within us, taking full possession of us though we do speak with tongues.

2. "Though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and knowledge."

Satan reveals things to some people. I have known of some getting under a power and into a kind of trance and while in this attitude they would tell of many mysterious things. They tell fortunes, they tell how much money you have, how old you are, how many times you will be married, they will tell you of lost treasures that you are so anxious to know about, but let us measure them by the Word. If they have not charity they are nothing.

3. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor." Yes, even give our body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth us nothing.

There is a certain denomination that feeds ten times more people than any other denomination. Their main forte is charitable deeds. They are greatly praised yet as to the real grace of the Lord within them they are a stranger.

"Look at me," they say, "see what I am doing." Yes, but the real love of God within is not prompting them to do this. They do it for praise and applause of men.

Many heathen think it a great honor to sacrifice their life in some way to their god, but even if they should burn at the stake and it not be

prompted by love it profiteth nothing.

4. Love suffers long. Means, patient under trials.

Is kind to every one. Envy not. Means, not disturbed at the prosperity of others. Vaunts not herself. Does not parade her own excellence. Not puffed up. Means, not thinking too high of herself. Unceasingly. Does things in a modest, sober way.

5. Seeks not her own. Means, she looks to the interest of others as well as herself. Not provoked. Not irritated or thrown over balance. Thinketh no evil. Means, take no account of evil done to her.

6. Rejoices not in iniquity. Takes no part in anything wrong. Rejoices in the truth. The love of God in us makes us love His word.

7. Bears all things. Love bears all trials of every kind. Believes all things. She believes all God's words and promises, and never doubts His providences. And will not believe a slander on a brother but believe he is good till shown otherwise.

8. Charity never faileth. Tongues may cease, prophecy may cease and knowledge may pass away but this love will go with us to heaven and permeate heaven forever.

Yes, tongues will cease when we get to heaven, so also will prophecy cease, and knowledge as to things pertaining to the world. We will not need to know how to build our implements, houses, farm tools or any thing that belongs to the knowledge of this world, but this love that we receive here will last as long as eternity lasts.

9. We know in part. Because we are shut up in a clay tenement with restricted powers.

That which is perfect is come. Means, the full knowledge of the heavenly state. A child—a man: As the child falls far below the man in knowledge, so we as Christians fall far below, while here in this present existence, to that of the next.

12. Now we see through a glass darkly but then face to face. This is the secret of the whole subject.

Now Means, the present time. Then. Means, heaven. Love stands paramount over all other graces.

it and I did not think that the one who told me would tell a falsehood."

Brother and sister, if you want to go on and risk your chance at the judgment with that thing unsettled you can do it but I want to say, by way of warning, that I am not going to take any such risk. You may say, Oh, I have talked in tongues since that. Yes, and if there are not people in hell who have talked in tongues I will be badly fooled.

Now, whether you want a better experience than what you have or whether you need to talk less about your brothers or sisters, I want you to offer a little prayer for your humble servant that God will make him a hundred per cent. better on this line and let us pray for each other and work for the perfecting of His Church and to help one another.

REQUESTS

J. W. Phillips, desires prayer that he may receive the Holy Ghost.

W. R. Grimes, Rara Avis, Miss., wants all to pray that he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Walter McNabb, Sandy Rock, Miss., requests the saints to pray for his wife to be healed of heart trouble.

V. McFadden, requests prayer for the church there and for those that once knew God and have gone astray.

R. L. Collette, Newport, Tenn., wants the people to pray for the Lord to supply a brother's needs who has recently lost his home by fire.

Mrs. Levada Moore, Royalton, Ill., desires all the saints to pray that she will be reclaimed and healed of neuritis in her feet.

Mrs. E. J. Wood, Rayville, La., desires prayer for the work there and that she will always stay humble and do the will of the Father.

Helen Culix, Ft. Pierce, Fla., requests prayer for the saints there to grow stronger and that a Church of God preacher will be sent to that place.

Murphy Hill, Newport, Ky., desires all the Evangel family to pray that he may receive the Holy Ghost and be healed of heart trouble.

Burnice Nesmith, desires the saints to pray that she will be completely healed and that her husband and daughter will come in this way.

L. M. Culbertson, Horse Branch, Ky., requests prayer that her baby will be healed and that she and her husband will get closer to the Lord.

Mrs. W. L. Taylor, Bogue, N. C., desires the saints to pray for her unsaved children to be saved before it is too late and that she may ever stay in the center of His will.

Mrs. Addie Chance, Whigham, Ga., wants the saints to pray that God will send a Church of God preacher to that place and that they will stay humble.

Mrs. W. W. Odum, Hazlehurst, Ga., requests prayer that some of her loved ones and a friend will be saved and that her sister will receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Meldrun Bedgood, Mt. Vernon, Ga., requests prayer that she will receive the Holy Ghost and be healed and pray that her baby will be healed. Also pray for her family.

Ella McFarland, Mont Eagle, Tenn., requests prayer of all the Evangel readers that God will take care of them in their distress which was caused by fire. Pray that they may stay true to Him.

NOTICES

I have twenty acres of good truck land, near R. R. Loading Station, school and Church of God, for sale at a bargain.

J. G. Hatcher, Webster, Fla.

I would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Dovie Smith. She was last heard of at Bandana, Ky.

Her pastor, Frank J. Rudesill, Bald Knob, Ark.

Is there any one interested in the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn. in either of these counties, Swain, Macon or Graham?

W. P. Walker, Bryson City, N. C.

I would like to get in touch with a Sister Walker that attended the Church of God camp meeting at Gold Smith near Hazlehurst, Ga., last July.

Mrs. W. W. Odum, Hazlehurst, Ga.

A big tent meeting will begin at Lakeland, Fla. Feb. 18, 1923 D. V. All are invited to come and enjoy a feast of "fat things."

This is a much neglected place but we expect to make the effort of our lives. All in reach of this place should come with their assistance. We desire the prayers also of those who cannot attend. M. S. Lemons and wife and M. F. Brown in charge.

Wife and I would like to have a man and wife that can play the organ and are good altar workers and are members of the Church of God to work with us in tent meetings. They must be fully consecrated to the Lord and willing to trust Him for

their expenses. Write me at once.

W. A. Sullivan, district pastor, Branford, Fla.

A revival is to begin at Daisy, Tenn., April 8, 1923. Brother J. P. Hughes, the district pastor, will be in charge the first few services. Brother J. C. Jernigan will then be in charge of the preaching. Brothers Will Jones and Clyde Miller, known as the Dividing Ridge singers, will have charge of the singing.

A hearty invitation is given to all.

W. W. Harmon, pastor.

IN MEMORY OF

SAYRE

Chas. Sayre departed this life Feb. 22, age 60 years.

He is survived by a wife, six sons, two sisters, five brothers and two grandchildren. His wife is a member of the Church of God.

The bereaved have the writer's sympathy,

B. E. Drummond.

BOOTH

On Jan. 7, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Brother George Booth and took his little son, Woodrow, to be with Jesus, age 1 year and 8 months.

It was hard to give him up but we can be consoled with the thought that we can meet him in the sweet by and by.

The funeral was conducted by the writer.

Oscar S. Carter, Kermit, W. Va.

BROWN

On Sunday morning, Jan. 28, 1923 the call came for Brother Elisha Randall Brown to go home, age 55 years.

He left the testimony that he had made all things ready and passed away with a smile on his face. His wife and son are members of the Church of God.

His residence was Hardeetown, Fla. He leaves to mourn, a wife and two children. The funeral was conducted by the writer and his body laid to rest at Chiefland, Fla.

C. T. Anderson.

CHILDERS

The death angel visited the home of Mr. L. Childers Jan. 27, 1923 and claimed his wife, age 47 years.

She was a member of the Church of God. She testified last summer that she didn't have long to stay with us.

She was almost a mother to me. I stayed at her home when a boy and went to school and she didn't charge me a penny.

Mr. Childers called on me to conduct the funeral service which I did at her home. We all hated to give her up but we expect to meet her again.

Huston Miller, Red Bay, Ala.

WIGLEY

On Jan. 30, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Emmet Wigley and claimed little Marvin Clayton, age 3 years, 8 months and 5 days.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and his body laid to rest in the Town Creek cemetery to await the soon coming of Jesus.

He is sleeping, calmly sleeping. In a new made grave today; We are weeping, sadly weeping. For the darling gone away.

One by one the gentle Shepherd. Gathers lambs from every fold; Folds them to His loving bosom, With a tenderness untold.

He is blooming, brightly blooming. 'Mid the fairest flowers of light; In the garden of sweet Eden? Where the flowers never blight.

One by one the Father gathers. Choicest flowers rich and rare; And transplants them in His garden. They will bloom forever there.

He is waiting, ever waiting. For the friends he loved the best; And he'll gladly hail their coming. To the mansions of the blest.

One by one the Lord will call us, As our labor here is done; And then as we cross the river, We will meet, yes, one by one.

J. S. Douglas, Chavies, Ala.

BROWN

Maude Brown, was born in Milton county, Georgia, Oct. 6, 1886 and departed this life Jan. 12, 1923, age 36 years, 3 months and 6 days.

She was converted and joined the Baptist church at Hopewell, Ga., at the age of fourteen. She lived a good Christian life which helped to win her husband for the Lord. In 1909 they united with the M. E. Church at Muscadine, Ala.

In 1922 she was sanctified. It was the privilege of the writer to see the glory come flooding into her soul. She sought divine healing in the same meeting but the great God of heaven and earth needed her and the summons came to her at the home of her sister, Angie Carter of Anniston, Ala. She was conscious to the end and told her relatives to meet her in heaven and with a smile on her face she passed away.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psa. 116:15. She leaves to mourn, husband, three children, father, step-mother, one

brother and one sister. Three children having preceded her to the glory world.

The remains were laid to rest in the Muscadine cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

"Here there's sorrow, toll and pain. Dangers unaware; But in heaven joy doth reign, And there is glory there."

"Soon we're going home to rest, In that country fair And the dear ones we love best They will greet us there."

J. A. Brown, Alabama City, Ala.

MOSTELLER

Minnie Lou Mosteller was born Nov. 30, 1896 and the death angel came for her on the morning of Jan. 25, 1923, age 26 years, 1 month and 25 days.

At the age of eleven years she was converted and joined the M. E. church South and at the age of nineteen years she was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. One year later she was added to the Church of God at Alabama City where she was a loyal member until God called her home.

Her disease was of a lingering nature. She suffered much but bore her sufferings patiently. Many prayers were offered for her recovery, but the one who does all things well needed her. So we have to say amen to the will of God.

The father and mother should be thankful to God for giving them this jewel for twenty-six years. God gave her to them a pure innocent babe and now they have given her back to Him a holy child of God and heard her praising the Lord and admonishing her father to live a better life and meet her in heaven and then saw her pass out with a smile and without a struggle.

The funeral was conducted by the writer, Brother W. H. Cornett and Brother Robinson and the remains were carried to "Four Miles" cemetery near Jacksonville, Ala., accompanied by a great number of the saints from Alabama City.

"Soon my days on earth shall be no more, Then my soul shall rest on that heavenly shore; Where I'll meet my friends I loved here long, And sing with them that wonderful song."

J. A. Brown, Alabama City, Ala.

The Lord Has Done Great Things

Dear People of God Everywhere:

I want to tell about some of the great things the Lord has done for a sixty-three year old man.

Four years ago the twelfth of last July the Lord wonderfully filled me with the Holy Ghost. From a child I wanted to be a Christian but not until I received the Comforter did I know what religion was, but since that time I have been happy and can shout just like a twenty year old man.

Four years ago the last night of

December I joined the Church of God and that still gave me more happiness. Oh, the glory that has been flooding my soul. Just to know that I am a child of the King and have a place in His great Church.

Another thing I want to praise and thank God for is His great healing virtue. Several times the Lord has healed me. Also my grandchild has been healed by the great physician, Jesus.

One of my daughters and I are the only ones of my family that have the Holy Ghost. So I ask all the saints to help me pray for my wife and other children that we will be a united family in glory.

Your humble brother in Jesus, J. H. Ray, Chester, Miss.

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A Friend Who Will Stand By Us At All Times

To All the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

Since I have been reading so many sweet letters from my brothers and sisters I feel like writing a few words, too.

This morning finds me still on the Lord's side, praise God. I feel very weak but I am still trusting God and am not ashamed to put my wants before Him. I know He is the only one that can help us when we are in need. Saints, let's do our part and Jesus will stand by us.

We are having a battle here. We are going to build a church here and there are but few saints to depend on. So when you read this pray and ask God to bless us and that the means will be supplied to complete the work.

This is a new year and I expect to do more for the Lord than I ever have. Praise His holy and righteous name. I ask the Lord every day to continue His love to me that I may grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the one that died on Calvary's cross that we might have life everlasting.

It seems that I can hear the saints shouting and praising God everywhere. Oh, how sweet it is to live for Jesus. Dear saints, let us press on and do more for Jesus than ever before. God is still calling. He says, "Whoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Let's stand true and be ready to go at His coming or call. Pray for my family and me.

Your brother in Christ, Tarrel Davis, R. 1, Embury, Miss.

BIBLE

The Bible is the greatest book in existence. The name means the Book as though there wasn't any other book.

It is called canon which means measuring rod. By it we measure our lives to see if we are able to enter Heaven. Each book of the Bible is called a canon. After the different books were gathered and placed into one, referred to as the Bible, some one said the compilers of the several small canons took them and made a large one (the Bible).

With this cannon (canon) you can wage a successful warfare, you can rout the enemy and gain many victories.

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F. J. Lee, Supt.

Where is Your Bridle—Did You Get it or Have You Lost it?

A. J. Lawson

Please lay aside your self and go with me and we will consider briefly the meaning of pure religion.

James 1:26 reads, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

One time I purchased a horse and when the owner was turning him over to me he began to strip his bridle off. I told him that he should let me have the bridle also. He told me that this horse was so well trained that I didn't need a bridle but that he would let me have the halter. After the horse began to pick up in flesh I found, to a certain extent, that he had forgotten his former training and I had to look up a bridle for him.

James said, "For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind. But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison (when it is allowed to go without the bridle that the power and grace of God can put on us)." James 3:8.

When will we reach perfection? I do not know when but I know that in James 3:2 it says, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able also (not to bridle the tongue only) but to bridle the whole body."

As I see it we do not need to even look for perfection as long as we are backbiting, speaking evil of our brothers and sisters, telling and helping to circulate falsehoods on innocent parties and telling what we heard on certain ones. Then when we find out that we, have helped to circulate a falsehood on one of the little ones we say, "Well, I was just misinformed."

Do you think that when you land at the great judgment seat of Christ that He will say, Well done son, daughter, you told some very black lies on that little one down yonder but you were just misinformed? Enter into everlasting life. No, never, that is not the way my Bible tells me that it will be after death. I know He would be only too glad to forgive us if we would only go to Him and tell Him that we had told a falsehood on our brother or sister and we did it because we lost the bridle and ask Him to forgive us and to put a new bridle on us that would turn about the whole body. Then we should go to the one we had slandered and ask his forgiveness with tears, then it is that our merciful God will forgive but not after we get over yonder.

I can remember when the word religion meant salvation to me but some few years ago I learned that only pure religion means salvation. There are many religions that do not deliver from sin but when we speak of pure religion we mean salvation and salvation means deliverance. We haven't perfect religion until we get our tongues bridled. We know whether we have reached that point or not,

It remains a Bible fact that if we have failed to have our tongues bridled that is a sure sign of a vain religion.

Brothers and sisters, it is time for us who are professing holiness, to make some definite steps in regard to our careless gossip and tale bearing. I never did get a blessing by telling bad things on anyone. Even if it were true it doesn't do any good to tell it to any one except the accused party.

I am about to decide like our loving pastor, J. B. Ellis, that when I get to thinking on this subject I will be compelled to make some upward steps on this line. Sometimes my wife tells me that she cannot get any inside information about the business of the church (her being a deacon's wife) unless she gets it from some one besides me. I tell her that there is always enough said without me having to say anything. I do not uphold the husband in keeping things a secret from the wife but if it is best not to tell any one some things we hear then it is not necessary to even tell our good wife about it.

I have listened to a red hot message from our pastor and he would say he felt like going to the altar. I am glad we have people told enough to tell us the truth even if they are not living up to it as they see it.

Our humble General Overseer preached the full baptism of the Holy Ghost long before he received the blessing. He did it because he saw the Bible taught it.

Let us study the subject of bridling the tongue and see whether we are in possession of this wonderful experience and, if not, let us make a desperate effort to obtain the very thing that the apostle James tells us about. If we are not in possession of this experience we have a vain religion.

I am sure that we want a real Bible salvation and we want it so complete that it will show in our every day life, in our dealings, in our walks and in our conversation every day and all the time.

I love to see good people dance under the power and to hear the shouts of the souls who are feeling free and to see the people with the rebuking power on them in time of a healing service but the best of all is a real every day practical Bible Christian in words and works.

I have been in this holiness way over thirty years but I have never seen such great need of less talking and gossiping as now.

I have heard some sing. You may talk about me just all you please but I will talk about you when I am on my knees, and then they will go away and tell some awful things they have heard about some one and tell it as though it was a truth and it goes from mouth to mouth and from tongue to tongue and then it is finally found out to be a mistake. Then they say, "Well, I wasn't to blame for I heard

Exchanging the Cross For a Crown

Dear Saints—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

I'm praising God for salvation that enables me to live free from sin and condemnation each day. I praise Him because He has done great things for me, whereof I am glad.

Oh, I am so glad I ever let Jesus come into my heart and life and take up His abode. Now, I want to live a consecrated life for Him.

I will never forget the night when I heard the song, "Oh, Why Should I be Lost?" Those words sank deep into my heart.

During Brother and Sister Heath's revival here in 1921, I gave my heart to God. I am still living for Him. He so wonderfully saved my life from sin and death and lifted me up from the broad way that leads to eternal destruction and set my feet on the King's highway of holiness. Praise His name!

They would tell us about the blood of Christ. How He suffered and died that we might be sanctified. I read in Heb. 13:12, "Wherefore Jesus-also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." I sought the blessing and praise of the Lord and a few days later the Holy Ghost came in and witnessed for Himself. Praise the Lord! Now, I want to live a holy life before God with my mind and heart fixed on things above. I want to be obedient to the Word of God and tell others about the one Who died for all.

My heart is hungering daily for more of God and to be more like Him. We know the closer we live to the Lord and obey Him, the more the world will persecute us and speak evil of us. He says, "Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you." 1 Pet. 4:4. These persecutions are encouraging. I thank the Lord for every one that comes my way. "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." Heb. 11:25.

I want to be a true follower of Jesus. He says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matt. 16:24.

Sometimes in this life the way gets dark and the cross seems heavy but it fills our hearts with joy to know that some day we will have the privilege of exchanging the old cross for a crown.

I praise God for the way He is leading us on and letting the sweet sunlight of heaven shine on our pathway and that we have the privilege of walking in the light and for the sweet fellowship we have one with another. Hallelujah!

I desire your prayers that I may ever be found in the center of God's will and help lift up the blood stained banner of a crucified Savior to this lost and dying world.

Your sister in Christ,
Fannie James,
Manor, Ga.

Watch As Well As Pray

To All the Household of Faith—Greetings in the Blessed Name of Jesus, Our Lord:

I am glad and thankful that I can report victory in my soul this New Year's day. Praise the Lord.

Some of the saints watched the old year out and the new year in and God wonderfully blessed. It made me think of the Scripture where it says, "Watch therefore, for ye know not neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matt. 25:13. Praise His dear name.

The sincere desire of my heart is to live closer to the Lord and do more for Him this year than ever before. I know that within myself I can do nothing but Jesus has promised me grace and strength. Bless His name forever.

May God bless and care for all His believing children and give us prayerful hearts for souls to be redeemed from sin in my earnest prayer.

Your humble sister in Christ,
Lizzie Yates.

Healed of "Flu."

Dear Evangel Family:

I want to praise God this morning because it finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and for His wonderful healing power.

About two weeks ago my husband had the "flu" very bad and one night he could not sleep at all. I placed an Evangel on his lungs and he was healed and went off to sleep.

I want all the saints to pray that I may stay humble at the cross.

Your sister in Christ,
Lois Wright,
Oakman, Ala.

Organization

To the Church of God in General:

I am rejoicing in the love of our King Jesus whose precious blood was not spilled in vain for me. Praise His name.

The Church of God at this place is doing fine. We now have eighty-three members and all as far as we know are doing fairly well. It is true that the enemy is busy. But almost all our members are striving to get away from him.

We are meeting the payments on our church well and we have one of the best Sunday schools I know of any where. Our superintendent missed only one Sunday in 1922. The teachers are so filled with the Holy Ghost that the power begins to fall right in the beginning of the service. They are very prompt and do not lose any time and we are proud of them and all the scholars.

Our watch night service was fine

indeed. The house was filled until late in the night and many remained until after 12 o'clock. We had several short talks. Our pastor, Brother Cooper, talked to us a while about the great Church of God and used as a text, Psal. 133:1. Then we had a talk made by a visiting brother, A. B. Howard. We all enjoyed his talk fine and God set His approval on the service from the beginning. There were three added to the Church and we do praise the Lord for them. We praise Him for what He has been to us through the past year. We hope this will be the best year in the history of the Church of God. He has helped us this far and we believe He will be with us to the end.

We want to praise God for our Home Mission band. It was organized the first of November, 1922 by our pastor, S. D. Cooper. Sister Della Baker president; Sister Lena Rhodes vice president; and Sister Carrie Stukes secretary and treasurer.

These sisters are faithful workers and have been very busy since they began. They have about twenty members in their band and their mission is to look after the interest of the sick people and the destitute of our community.

They have four committees and two to each set. They all seem to be very much interested in this work. Praise His name.

We trust it won't be long until every member of our church will be enrolled as a mission worker. May the Lord bless all the workers everywhere.

We ask the prayers of God's people that we may press right on and do everything we can for the cause we now represent. Pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost and be of more use in the Church of God and in our Sunday school work.

Bessie Stukes,
822 Eighth Street,
Columbia, S. C.

The Grand Highway

To the Dear Readers of the Evangel:

I am really thanking God this morning for full and complete salvation. It is worth living in this old sinful world.

I thank the Lord for the Church of God and because I saw the light on His Church and walked in it. The Lord is getting His people ready for His return back to earth some sweet day. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14. "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:17. Beloved, we will have to live close to the Lord.

"Little children, let no man deceive you; he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was made manifest, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:7-9.

Thank the Lord for this sweet way of holiness.

Your little humble sister in Christ
Jesus,
Hester Dobbins,
Boaz, Ala.

Miracles in the Last Days

Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising Him for victory in my soul today. I am glad this New Year's morning finds me still saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Glory to Jesus!

I want to praise Him for His great healing power. I want to tell of a wonderful miracle that was wrought last watch night. Glory to Jesus.

About six minutes till twelve o'clock Brother Phillips, one of the saints, took sick and went and sat down in a chair in the door. They called us to pray for him. He was just about dead. His pulse had stopped and he was cold. We went to pray for him. Some said, "There is no use praying for he is dead." But we held right on to God for him and the Lord gave us the victory and he recovered and got up and walked home. Praise the dear Lord!

We are living in the last days. I desire your prayers.

C. Brown,
Emory Gap, Tenn.

Instantly Healed

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus' Name:

I praise God for victory in my soul this morning. I want to sound His praise aloud.

On August 8, 1914 the Lord forgave me of my sins. I went to fasting and praying for Him to sanctify me wholly and on the 11th day of August He sanctified me wholly, cleansing my heart from inbred sin.

I thought I had all the Lord had for me but on Sept. 30, 1917 He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise His dear name.

I want to praise Him for healing me. I had been afflicted ever since I was a baby with a trouble in my head. It was worse after I had the "flu," but in October, 1922, He instantly healed me. Praise God! He is so good to me.

I am in the Church of God and trying to live up to all his teachings and to keep His commandments. Praise His dear name. I am now sixty-one years old and just waiting for Jesus to come or call.

Mrs. Lou Shipps,
Ladonia, Tex.

HELP WANTED

E. L. Simmons

Have you seen the advertisement, Have you heard the urgent call, About the wages promised, To the laborers, one and all?

Listen now, and I will tell you, Times are hard and jobs are few; But I know of good positions, That are open now to you.

There's a field that is so great, Its area is unknown; And 'tis covered now with wheat, Ripe and bending since the dawn.

Very few have hired as reapers, To go and gather in the grain; While the heads of wheat are ripened, By the drops of latter rain.

Yes, the latter rain is falling, And the heads are bending low; While the master calls for laborers, And the answer comes, N-O.

Will you answer this to Jesus, Or will you first stop and ask About the wages He will give, And the nature of the task?

I am sure that He will tell you, Though the story has been told; There is something strange about it, For this story ne'er grows old.

Just a little I will tell you, For it all I cannot tell; But I think 'twill be sufficient, For your answer to be well.

A nice sickle will be given, To all who here will work; And if 'tis rightly handled, It will not its duty shrink.

And meals are also furnished, If you will work with vim; For God has surely promised food, To all who trust in Him.

The water, too, is given, The best that has ever been; And those who freely drink of it, Shall never thirst again.

And now the best is yet to come, No home down here is given; But Jesus now is building one, A mansion up in heaven.

A mansion He will deed to you, If you will go today, And labor in the harvest field; So hasten, don't delay.

Now, you will surely answer, I am ready Lord to go; And do my best to gather in, The grain that's bending low.

And if you should decide to go, Before another "ad" you've seen; You will find our Lord's commission, In Matthew twenty-eight, nineteen.

Encouraged to Press On

To All the Dear Saints—Greetings to You in the Precious Name of Jesus Our Lord and Soon Coming King:

I am praising the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him for the Church of God, which is His body and for those that He placed in her to watch for our souls.

I thank the Lord for Brother Thos. J. Richardson who is working very faithfully for the up-building of the Church of God. I really do praise the Lord for a man like him.

I am encouraged to press on in this holy way and to do all I can for my Lord.

I want all of the dear saints to pray for me that I will stay low at the feet of Jesus and that He may use me to win souls for His kingdom.

I will be working in Georgia this year and my address will be R. 1, Box 35, Damascus, Ga.

Your brother out for lost souls,
Louis O. Smith.

More Determined to Obey Him

Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God tonight for victory. I praise Him for saving me from sin. He sanctified me with His precious blood and five months later He baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. Oh, I feel the glory in my soul. Jesus has been with me all day. I have celebrated this New Year's day praising God.

He has been so good to me and has healed me many times. I am so glad that I belong to the dear old Church of God.

How can people go on in sin after Jesus has done so much for them? Think how He suffered that we might be saved!

Oh, sinner friend, just stop and think for one moment how much He is doing for you today. He would do much more for you if you would let Him. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. Sinner friend, you must be born of the Spirit. May God help you to wake up and submit yourself to God.

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." James 4:7, 8.

Pray for me that I will be more humble and that a way will be opened for me to get out on the battlefield.

Nora Bunnell.

God Will Take Care of His Own

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus—Love and Greeting in Jesus' Name:

How glad I am that the Lord permits me to live in an age when He

is pouring out His Spirit and thousands are being filled with the blessed Holy Ghost.

The dear old Church of God is sending out the light and beckoning the sinners home.

I love the teachings of the Church because they are all in the Bible. I love to obey those that have the rule over me.

Brother Melvin Drake held a meeting here just after Christmas and the Lord surely did bless. Some were saved, seven or eight sanctified and eight were filled with the Holy Ghost and four were added to the Church.

The devil just can't hardly stand all this good work. So of course he is trying his best to discourage those who are new in the way and to keep others from coming in.

An old lady joined the church and her husband and two sons are trying to make her have her name taken off the book. They make their threats, and some said they were fixing to set fire to the church house last meeting night. But God will take care of His own. And we that can should help the weaker ones. While I am not very strong myself, there may be others yet weaker.

I have had a spell of fever and am just getting well but I trusted the Lord for I knew He had all power in earth and in heaven. If He can give breath to this body He can heal it.

Our baby has also been sick. She is nearly a year old and has never had any medicine.

I love the Lord because He is, A keeper true to me; He watches with a tender eye, As I sail the stormy sea.

And when the waves with dashing foam, Come rolling dark and high; His gentle eye is watching, And His guiding hand is nigh.

He will not let His children fall, And perish in the waves; But tenderly protects them, As they follow in His ways.

He will not let us be tempted, More than we can stand; Altho the sea is dark and troubled, With the Lord it's easily calmed.

A little sister under the blood, On Mae Hall, Box 1445, Ranger, Texas.

A Missionary Spirit

I am glad to report victory in my soul and I am still on the battlefield for Jesus. I am not hunting for the easy places but like to work where Jesus says work. My heart goes out for lost souls that are out in this cold dark world without Jesus.

I think of dark China and I can't keep the tears back. When Sister Rushin was here I felt like I would have to go to China and I have never gotten away from it. It seemed that many were enthused but they seem to have gotten over it by this time. Yet, it hasn't left me.

Tomorrow is our Home Mission day? I wonder if there is any that will forget that day. Oh, that God will help me to always say, yes, to His will.

I am glad to say that the year, 1922, was a good year for Kentucky and we mean to make this a better year. All the people in this state felt like shouting when C. H. Randall was appointed overseer.

I feel that "Go ye" now. Don't stop, for Jesus is coming soon and may come before we get our work done.

I am a young girl out on the battlefield for Jesus and my mother hates to see me go but I must go. I desire your prayers.

Your sister in the Church of God,
Clara Miller,
Olaton, Ky.

He Is Everything to Me

To All the Dear Saints Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I feel like sounding a note of praise this evening for my coming King. I am so glad that I can say I am really saved from sin, sanctified by His precious blood and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah! Praise His dear name!

The Lord is my Savior, my sanctifier and my healer. I have been in this way for ten years and I am not tired of the way. Each day grows brighter and sweeter to me and brings me nearer that bright home where there will be no more heartaches and no more sad farewells.

I am so lonesome when Saturday night and Sunday comes. We have no Sunday school or services of any kind. It is three and one half miles to town. So I do not get to go very often.

There are many hungry people here that have never heard holiness preached. I hope, if Jesus tarries until summer, that some one will come and hold a meeting for us. We have a nice grove that would make a fine place to hold a meeting.

I want some of the saints that read this to write me. It does my heart good to get a good letter and read the good testimonies in the Evangel.

Your sister in Christ,
Etta Jones,
Ravenden Springs, Ark.

It Is Good to Rely on the Word of God

Dear Saints of God and All the Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Today finds me still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and I can truly and thankfully say that the way grows sweeter, brighter and more real each day that I live.

I am so glad that when Jesus led me in this way that He put the de-

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Good News

Dear Saints:

This morning finds me on the real sunny side of life with victory in my soul, determined to fight the enemy to the end.

I want to say that Jesus is my Savior and healer and keeper. We have trusted Him for all things for thirteen years. Not a drop of medicine have we taken and we are in perfect health today.

God sent us to this place three years ago to give out the Word and He sure did bless us in giving us souls and a church, and was blessing us in a wonderful way until the enemy came in the form of a false prophet and got in his work and burned our church.

We had no place to worship but, thank God, we were true to Him that doeth all things well.

Last August He sent us nine miles out among wolves to hold a meeting. He was with us in giving out the Word in a convincing way. Of course the enemy raged but we held on to God for four weeks and gained the victory. Ten were saved, three sanctified and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. And God gave us a nice large church to worship in. We have been preaching there every since on the first and fourth Saturday and Sunday nights until on the 6th of January when Brother John Burk came to us and we pitched battle against the enemy and gained the victory in a wonderful way. We set a church in order with five new members. The other twenty-seven members were transferred to this place. God will bring us out if we stand true.

E. H. Nelson,
R. 1, Crescent, Okla.

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